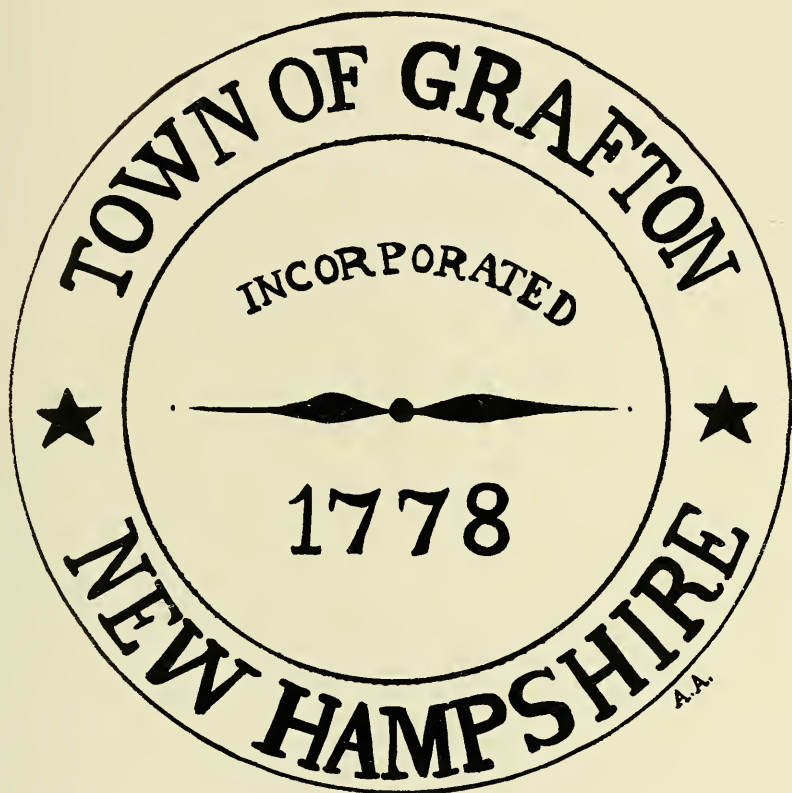


**REPORT OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS**



1978

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1977**

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

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EARLY DAYS OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Adapted from a report by Barbara Gove, including information from A. Stuart Gage, F. Jerome Hoyt and Laurence C. Andrew

The Town of Grafton was first granted by charter in 1761 to Ephraim Shearman and others by colonial New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth. The governor named both town and county after his aristocratic relation in England, the Duke of Grafton. It was not until 1772, however, that Grafton's first settler, Captain Joseph Hoyt, arrived from Massachusetts. Other families from the Bay Colony's Cheshire County soon joined him. By 1773 there were 107 people (including the town's firstborn Jacob Barney), a grain mill and a saw mill.

On November 11, 1778, the New Hampshire General Assembly approved the incorporation of Grafton after receiving two heartfelt petitions from the town's residents. The first, in 1777, read:

"Hon gentlemen of the general Assembly in the State of New Hamsheir Wee take this poertunty to inform your onners that you Demand More of us than Wee are Able to perform for you Require of us a valiation of our Ratibel Estates Which valiation must Bee taken By our selectmen Which Your Honners Never Empowred us to Chuse And Wee your huble petitioners Do pray that your honours Will authorize and grant us Liberty to Chuse our Select Men: and incorporate us: and Chuse a gastes of the Pees for us in the town and We take Leave to Nominate Capt. Aaron Barney to be the man: and then Wee Will com in town order: and than We will give onners A true Estamation and one faviour more Wee ask of your honours that is to have A privileges to Leve a Part of our tax upon the Wild and if Your Honners see Cause to Tax us and the Reason ee give for that is this there is Men that has a grade Dele of Land in our town hich Lives out of this state and they Will not Due any Duty on the Rodes Except Wee make their Wild Lands Do it and our Rodes are very bad and Wont a gradel of work Don on them And We pray Honners to take this in to Consideration...and grant us our Pertision and Put us in order that We may Do our Bisenes in our one town And Where in Wee have mised it Wee Bag that your onners Will Direct us to Do Better for the futer...We Ecknowleg ourselves to Be under the Laws and Derecktions of your Onners, sonomore."

The successful 1778 petition was less humble:

"The Petition of the Freeholders & other inhabitants of the Ton of

Grafton Humbly Sheeth that it is ith the Gratest Grief & Distress of mind that e are Constrained to Lay before your Honours the Deplorable & Shocking Situation of the People of this Ton Paper Currency So amediately Sinking & a Great Scarcity of Cash almost None Surculating in this part of the State that the Like as Never Experienced by a Free People our Taxes are arge & Not money in the town to Discharge one Twentieth Part of the Tax & it Seems at Such an innormous Rate there is Not Money to be had to Pay Even for the Copy of the Rits & if there is Not Something Done we Shall Soon be reduced to a State of abel Begary therefore we Pray your honours to Pass an act to inable the People to Pay there Debts without money for we have Property of your honours would in your wisdom Pass an act that State Securities of any of the four New England States shall be a Tender & Stock & any kind of Marchantable Produce to Dischare Debts in order to Stop Suing or to Pint out Some other Method to Releave your Distesser Subjects."

gradually a sizeable community of settlements grew. By the early nineteenth century there were two meeting houses for public worship, seven grain mills, five saw mills, a bark mill, clothing and carding mills, two pot or pearlash mills, two retail stores, ten school districts, eleven schoolhouses, eight blacksmiths, four joiners, three carpenters, eight cordwainers, a tanner, clothier, saddler, hatter, two coopers and a tinker. East Grafton was the center for various industries, with axes, bobbins, shingles, clapboards, flour, carded wool, lumber, barrels and coffins among the essentials produced there.

The urge to move westward affected Grafton as it did other towns, however, and 136 families emigrated between 1807 and 1823. Later, around 1840, the railroad from Boston to White River Junction came through Grafton, bringing new work and new families. It is said that Daniel Webster, who enjoyed visiting Grafton, arrived on the first train. Less fortunately, Grafton citizen, James Kilton lost money when he contracted to build part of the railroad. Kilton, owner of a saw mill and grist mill powered from Kilton Pond, joined the California gold rush to recoup his losses.

One settlement that flourished from the town's beginning through the nineteenth century was Slab City in southeastern Grafton. Two of the earliest settlers, Joseph Hoyt and Aaron Barney, and their descendants found farming to be good in the

area, also known as Pleasant Valley. Twenty-five families settled there in Grafton's early days. The brook was dammed where it entered the gorge and a mill was built for lumber, shingles and grain. Soon there were at least two stores, a cooper shop, blacksmith, two more mills and a brickyard. Its bricks were used in the schoolhouse built at Slab City in 1848 that also became a social center for that friendly, active area.

These local bricks were also used in the charcoal kilns built near the Depot at Grafton Center, another focus of town activity. There were six or seven of the arch-shaped kilns that were 20 by 30 by 16 feet high. Each held 20 to 30 cords of wood and one was emptied and one filled each day. They had to be closely watched, for if a sudden wind created too much draft a whole kilnful of charcoal could be ruined by burning out of control. In 1890 George Sawing, owner of the kilns as well as of a hotel and sawmill at the Depot, ran for election as town representative to the state legislature. Sawing promoted a barbecue that year that may have been Grafton's greatest occasion. It probably attracted much of the town's population, which peaked at nearly 1300 around that time. A large ox was roasted on the Common and dinner was served to hundreds in the railroad woodsheds. There was a band and a special train brought in guests, including Governor David Goodell of Antrim, the main speaker.

Another important area of Grafton in the early days was Razor Hill, where the Fifth N.H. Turnpike ran long before a road existed along the present Route 4. There were several taverns along the Turnpike and a stable where the stage stopped each day to exchange horse. Grafton's first meeting house was on Razor Hill and its first settled minister, Oliver Williams, was buried in the churchyard in 1790. In 1842 the church was moved to East Grafton by eight teams of oxen. Further west was the Fourth Turnpike which ran south to meet the Kinsman Highway from Wilnot near the Enfield line. In that area was one of Grafton's largest and longest active sawmills, with an annual capacity of one million feet of lumber as well as machinery for planing, matching shingle and lathe.

Also in the western part of town, on Isinglass Mountain is Ruggles Mine, probably the oldest mica mine in the United States. When wily Sam Ruggles discovered mica on his property

in 1803, he promptly set to work to take advantage of the great demand for clear mica sheets for lamps and stoves without letting his neighbors know of his good fortune. He used his big family to dig out the large and heavy "books" of mica. Then he hid the mica under regular farm produce and hauled it at night by ox team to Portsmouth, where he shipped it to England to a relative to market guarding his secret by not selling in this country. The Ruggles family concern was not only material, for when James Kilton sailed for California, he carried a Bible given to him by George Ruggles.

All in all, Grafton's early days and early citizens were a good reflection of New Hampshire life and development.

MASTER PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Town of Grafton Planning Board presents the following Master Plan pursuant to NHRSA Chapter 36, Sections 13-15.

This Master Plan is intended as a guide for orderly growth in the Town of Grafton, for protection of our natural resources, for promotion of the health and safety of our Townspeople, and for preservation of the present rural character of the Town and any historical landmarks.

A. AIR: Protect and improve when necessary the quality of the air in the Town, paying special attention to the discharge of air pollutants within the Town.

B. WATER: Protect and improve where necessary the quality of the water in the Town, giving special consideration to the discharge of pollutants directly and/or indirectly into the surface and subsurface waters within the Town, bearing in mind that prevention is less costly than cure. Attention should also be given to the establishment and protection of permanent reservoirs and watersheds that could supply the needs of the Town in the future.

C. SOIL: Protect and improve if necessary the quality of the soil in the Town.

D. FORESTRY: Maintain and improve the quality of Town forests and promote a Town Forest Management Program as a source of revenue, as insurance against air pollution and soil erosion, and as preservation of land for recreation.

E. AGRICULTURE: Bearing in mind that Grafton has a history of agriculture, promote and preserve this "industry" as a way of improving and maintaining open spaces and of providing economical benefit to Townspeople.

F. RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE: Provide and maintain where possible adequate and easily accessible recreation/open space facilities and resources for the present and future needs of all Townspeople.

G. OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES: Guard against exploitation of other natural resources that would be inconsistent with any provisions of this document.

H. ENERGY: Research and promote the means of conserving energy by sensibly using our natural resources when - and where ever possible.

I. HISTORIC RESOURCES: Identify, protect and preserve the historic resources of the Town for the appreciation by, education of, and enjoyment of present and future Townspeople.

J. EDUCATION: Provide and maintain whenever possible multi-faceted education for Townspeople of all ages and interests.

K. HOUSING: Provide and maintain health and safety standards for housing in the Town. Promote the means for sufficient spacing to insure privacy and to maintain the rural quality of the Town. Also, guide growth so that it is commensurate with the services needed and so that it guarantees proper spacing between water sources and waste systems.

L. PUBLIC SAFETY: Promote and improve where necessary the means to provide the Town with effective safety and health care at minimal cost to the Town.

M. ROADWAYS: Provide for safe, effective, and practical roadways and guide growth to avoid overtaxing our roadway system. Attempt to keep roads in the Town in line with the scenic beauty and natural resources of the Town.

N. ECONOMICS: Seek ways to relieve the tax burden on our Townspeople and to provide for income to the Town and for possible employment for Townspeople.

O. WASTES: Encourage the solution for disposal of different types of waste and provide whenever possible the means for maintaining proper health and safety standards. Encourage recycling.

TOWN OF
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NEW HAMPSHIRE

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GRAFTON CO.
SULLIVAN CO.

MORRIS CO.

P. LAND USE: Provide for and maintain the means for orderly growth that will take into account all the above considerations.

GPB—12/77 Voted 12/30/77 by Grafton Planning Board
Margo T. Moran, *Chairperson*

Map of the Town of Grafton added as part of the Master Plan —
1/78. Voted 1/18/78 by Grafton Planning Board.
Margo T. Moran, *Chairperson*

Respectfully submitted,
Margo T. Moran
Chairperson
Kenneth Cushing
James Roberts
Jens Thoreson
Christopher Rollins
[*Selectman- Ex-Officio*]

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
Thomas Gleason '78

Town Clerk
Dorothy H. Davis '78

Treasurer
June L. Bassett '78
Tax Collector
Dorothy A. Dadmun '79

SELECTMEN

Alden H. Dadmun '80 Robert J. Bryant '78
Christopher Rollins '79

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Marion G. Stiles '79 Mary L. Gove '78 Joseph Connelly '80

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Dale P. Bryant '79 Susan Seamans Sherry Cook

BUDGET COMMITTEE

William Hewitt '79 Richard Scott '80 William B. Pratt '78

AUDITORS

Sarah Beloir '78 Robert Bassett '79

CHIEF OF POLICE

C. Lawrence Gove '78

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Richard Williams Harold E. Duefield Paul C. Gove
Roger Warcup

FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Gleason Richard Williams Stanley Phillips

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paul C. Gove

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ruth Harding '80 Marion G. Stiles '78 Barbette Rollins '79

PLANNING BOARD

Margo Moran '78 Kenneth Cushing '79
James Robert '80 Jens Thoresen '81
Christopher Rollins, *Selectman, Ex-officio*

**WARRANT FOR THE TOWN OF GRAFTON
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March next, at 1:00 of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

The business meeting to act on the remaining articles in the 1978 town warrant will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Grafton Town Hall.

2. To see if the town will vote to hear a report of the Budget Committee and to act thereon.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow in anticipation of tax revenue.

5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to convey by quitclaim deed all property acquired by tax deed or to take any other action pertaining thereto.

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand one hundred fifty-two and 52/100 dollars (\$1,152.52) and thereby receive seven thousand six hundred eighty-three and 45/100 dollars (\$7,683.45) from the state for town road aid.

7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the expenditure of monies in the Dump Fund as set up and approved in Article 4 in the Warrant of the March 2, 1976 Town Meeting.

[The purpose of this fund (1978 total will be \$3,000.00 plus

interest) and the Landfill Fund (see Warrant Article 8-b following) are the same, to help solve the waste disposal problem. Federal and State law mandates that our open burning dump be closed. We currently have an extension to September 1978 to solve the problem. This is our last extension.]

8-a. To see if the town will vote to authorize the expenditure of 1977 Revenue Sharing Funds (part of E.P. #7 and E.P. #8 which is \$8,521.00 plus interest of \$324.25) as voted and approved at the March 8, 1977 town meeting and here included in the 1978 budget appropriation.

8-b. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and authorize withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budget appropriations or other purposes, and authorize the expenditure of these funds by the selectmen as detailed below and appropriated in the 1978 budget; and to further authorize the selectmen to make pro rata reductions in the amount if estimated entitlements (\$9,639.00 for E.P. #9) are reduced, or take any other action thereon:

1) Town Hall Fund for town office addition, new Hall entrance, possible improvement of parking area, possible roof repair.	\$5,000.00
2) Dump Fund (previously called Landfill Fund) for purchase of land or other use to solve the waste disposal problem. [This \$4,000.00 plus the \$2,500.00 from last year plus the \$3,000.00 in the basic Dump Fund will give us a 1978 total available fund of \$9,500.00.]	4,000.00
3) Purchase of office equipment	639.00
Total	<u>\$9,639.00</u>

9. To see if the town will vote to allow monies accumulated through rental of town highway equipment and monies presently in the Highway Equipment Fund to be used for purchase of highway equipment by the Road Agent with the consent of the Selectmen.

10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$346.00 to be give to the Upper Valley Senior Citizens Center to help partially defray program costs.

[See the Senior Citizens Center report later in this issue.]

11. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions for new Elderly Exemption Law (RSA 72:43-b and 43-c) which provides for expanded exemptions in real estate for a resident 65 years of age up to 75, a \$5,000.00 exemption; a resident 75 years of age to 80, a \$10,000 exemption; a resident 80 years of age or older, a \$20,000 exemption, provided that the resident owns the real estate individually, or jointly with another, or his spouse with whom he has been living for at least 5 years as man and wife; said resident had a net income of less than \$7,000.00 or a combined income with spouse of less than \$9,000.00; and owns assets of any kind, tangible or intangible, less bona fide encumbrances, not in excess of \$50,000.00.

12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$650.00 to be expended as salary and expenses for additional police officer(s). (RSA-105:1)

13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$500.00 to be used to relocate and preserve the Blackman memorial stone found (1976) on the Old Danbury Road, these monies to be placed in an Historic Fund if not expended during 1978.

14. To see if the town will vote to exempt itself from the provisions of RSA 55-9-a and 55-9-b which would authorize the Town Clerk to consider applications for additions to the voter checklist.

(Approval of this article means that applications for voters consideration would be handled by the Supervisors of the Checklist as in the past.)

15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and authorize the expenditure of \$120.00 to cover membership fee for the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Association.

This association promotes tourism which results in financial benefit to Grafton. For example, increased tourist or other use of restaurants and motels in this area increases the

total size of the Rooms and Meals Tax, and thereby the percentage that Grafton receives, based on its population.

16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend the sum of \$800.00 to cover the insurance for the new ambulance.

Given under our hands and seal, this 11th day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Robert J. Bryant
Christopher E. Rollins
Alden H. Dadmun
Selectmen of Grafton

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Robert J. Bryant
Christopher E. Rollins
Alden H. Dadmun
Selectmen of Grafton

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GRAFTON, N.H.

SECTION 1 PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. Previous Fiscal Year	Recommended 1978 (1978-79)
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	3,800.00	3,800.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,800.00	3,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses	450.00	600.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	1,700.00	2,500.00
Employees' Retirement & Soc. Security	2,800.00	3,500.00
Contingency Fund - Incl. Refunds, Abate- ments, etc.		3,000.00
Selectmen's Clerk	300.00	300.00
Protection of Persons & Property:		
Police Department	1,350.00	2,000.00
Fire Department (2,500 Forest Fire 300)	1,500.00	2,800.00
Care of Trees	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance - Includes Ambulance	5,000.00	6,000.00
Planning & Zoning	200.00	200.00
Damages & Legal Expense	150.00	150.00
Health Department:		
Vital Statistics	20.00	20.00
MAHC. Health Officer \$20.00	874.00	1,179.76
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	500.00	500.00
Highway & Bridges:		
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	15,000.00	15,000.00
Street Lighting	1,300.00	1,800.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	9,000.00	9,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,159.72	1,152.52
Libraries:	750.00	850.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	2,500.00	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	1,000.00	1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes - Item #14	100.00	650.00
Recreation Committee:	300.00	300.00
Public Serv. Ent. (Huff Beach)		50.00
Cemeteries	1,000.00	500.00
Dump Fund Withdrawal		3,000.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	600.00	1,125.00
Debt Service:		
Interest on Temporary Loans	3,000.00	2,500.00
Capital Outlay:		
Duncan Fund	17,748.27	18,936.21
Highway Subsidy	13,493.84	13,480.96
Highway Subsidy Additional		7,721.56
Oiling & Patching Roads	2,000.00	2,000.00
Culverts	2,500.00	2,500.00

Revenue Sharing - Part EP#7 & EP#8		8,845.25
Revenue Sharing - Ep#9		9,639.00
Highway Equipment Fund		729.78
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds		
For Highway Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00
Dump Fund Payment	1,000.00	1,000.00
Revenue Sharing (Tax Map Fund)	7,973.53	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 106,369.36	\$137,335.04

SECTION II SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estim. Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estim. Revenue Fiscal Year 1978-79
From State:			
Int. & Div. Tax	1,400.00	3,929.68	3,500.00
Gas Tax Refund	600.00	574.74	500.00
Savings Bank Tax	800.00	982.77	900.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	3,000.00	3,296.57	3,000.00
Highway Subsidy (CL IV & V)	13,493.84	13,493.84	13,480.96
Reim. A C Bus. Profits Tax	196.00	603.80	500.00
Duncan Fund	17,748.27	17,748.27	18,936.21
Highway Subsidy (Additional)			7,721.56
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	225.00	273.20	250.00
Bus. Licenses, Permits, Filings	75.00	116.00	75.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	5,500.00	10,216.50	9,000.00
Int. on Taxes & Deposits	50.00	735.05	500.00
Inc. from Trust Fnds. (MAHC)	854.00		1,159.76
Withdrawal - Hwy. Equip. Fnd.			729.78
National Bank Stock Taxes	15.00	15.00	15.00
Resident Taxes Retained	2,900.00	3,000.00	2,900.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	2,000.00	2,927.15	2,000.00
Dump Fund			3,000.00
From Federal Sources:			
Rev. Sharing - Part E.P.#7&8	8,000.00		8,845.25
Revenue Sharing - EP#9			9,639.00
*TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	56,857.11	57,912.57	86,652.52
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES			50,682.52
TOTAL REVENUES			137,335.04

**Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total "Appropriations recommended by Budget Committee" gives estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes," exclusive of County and School Taxes.*

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

LAND		
Resident	\$ 359,855.00	
Non-Resident	<u>774,847.00</u>	
Total		\$ 1,134,702
BUILDINGS		
Resident	1,774,450.00	
Non-Resident	<u>1,353,950.00</u>	
Total		3,128,400
MOBILE HOMES		
Resident	73,400.00	
Non-Resident	<u>46,970.00</u>	
Total		120,370.00
FACTORIES		
Resident	9,250.00	9,250.00
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
Non-Resident	74,000.00	<u>74,000.00</u>
TOTAL VALUES (Before Exemptions)		4,466,722.00
LESS EXEMPTIONS		
Blind (2)	2,000.00	
Elderly (24)	60,750.00	
Veterans (61)	78,202.00	
Disabled - 1 at full	15,550.00	
Disabled - 3 at \$600	<u>21,525.00</u>	
TOTAL		<u>178,027.00</u>
TOTAL NET VALUATION		\$ 4,288,695.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
Assessed for the year 1977

Town Officers Salaries	\$ 3,800.00
Town Officers Expenses	2,800.00
Election and Registration Expenses	450.00
Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	1,700.00
Employees Retirement and Social Security	2,800.00
Selectmen's Clerk	300.00
Police Department	1,350.00
Fire Department	1,200.00
Forest Fire	300.00
Care of Trees and Cutting Brush	1,000.00
Insurance	5,000.00
Planning and Zoning	200.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	150.00
Vital Statistics	20.00
Health Officer	20.00
Mascoma Area Health Council	854.00
Town Dump	500.00
Town Road Maintenance - Summer and Winter	15,000.00
Street Lighting	1,300.00
General Expense of Highway Department	9,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,159.72
Library	750.00
Town Poor	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes - Memorial Day etc.	100.00
Recreation Commission	300.00
Oiling and Patching	2,000.00
Cemeteries, Town Hall, Huff Beach	1,000.00
Culverts	2,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	600.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	3,000.00
Duncan Fund	17,748.27
Highway Subsidy	13,493.84
Revenue Sharing Fund - Tax Map Fund	7,973.53
Payment to Capital Reserve	2,000.00
Dump Fund	1,000.00
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$106,369.36

Less: Estimated Revenue and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 1,400.00
Duncan Fund	17,748.27
Savings Bank Tax	800.00
Meals and Room Tax	3,000.00
Gas Tax Refund	600.00
Revenue From Yield Tax Sources	2,000.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	50.00
Business Licenses, Permits, Filing Fees	75.00
Dog Licenses	225.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	5,500.00
National Bank Stock Tax	15.00
Resident Taxes	2,900.00
Highway Subsidy	13,493.84
Revenue Sharing for Tax Map	7,973.53
Revenue Sharing for E.P. #8, Partial #7	8,000.00
Mascoma Area Health Council	<u>854.00</u>
Total Revenue and Credits	\$ 64,634.64
Net Town Appropriations	41,734.72
Net School Appropriations	110,257.79
County Tax Assessment	<u>16,402.08</u>
Total of Town, School and County	\$168,396.59
Deduct: Business Profit Tax Reim. (-)	603.80
Add: War Service Tax Credit (+)	4,175.00
Add: Overlay (+)	<u>8,007.22</u>
Property Tax to be Raised	\$179,975.01

Department of Revenue Administration Tax Rate Town of Grafton

Unit of Government	Rate
Municipal	.81
County	.38
School	<u>2.50</u>
Combined Rate	3.69

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1977

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION	Receipts Refunds	Amount Available	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrafts
Town Officer's Salaries		3,800.00	3,317.94	482.06	
Town Officer's Expenses		2,800.00	2,917.39		117.39
Election and Registration		450.00	230.01	219.99	
Town Hall & Other Buildings		1,700.00	2,235.16		535.16
Retirement & Social Security		2,800.00	3,443.01		643.01
Selectmen's Clerk		300.00	300.00		
Police Department		1,350.00	1,350.00		
Fire Department		1,200.00	1,200.00		
Forest Fire		300.00	109.48	252.73	
Cutting Brush		1,000.00	974.57	25.43	
Insurance		5,000.00	4,309.04	690.96	
Planning Board		200.00	200.00		
Damage & Legal Expenses		150.00	100.10	49.90	
Vital Statistics		20.00	18.00	2.00	
Health Officer		20.00	20.00		
Town Dump		500.00	500.00		
Summer & Winter Roads		15,000.00	17,245.52		2,245.52
Street Lighting		1,300.00	1,408.35		108.35
Gen. Exp. Highway Dept.		9,000.00	9,271.56		271.56
Town Road Aid		1,159.72	1,159.72		
Library		750.00	750.00		
Town Poor		2,500.00	562.05	1,937.95	
Old Age Assistance		1,500.00	738.69	761.31	
Aid to Perm. & Totally Disabled		1,000.00	813.00	187.00	

Memorial Day & Others					7.50
Recreation		100.00		107.50	
		300.00		300.00	
Cemetery, Town Hall & Huff Beach					
Advertising & Regional Associations		1,000.00		1,000.00	
Interest on Temp. Loans		600.00		687.39	
		3,000.00		1,714.11	1,285.89
Duncan Fund		31,358.97		11,332.15	20,026.82
Highway Subsidy	13,610.70	13,493.84		13,760.17	
Oiling & Patching		2,000.00		316.67	1,683.33
Culverts		2,500.00		1,902.64	597.36
		854.00		854.00	
Mascoma Area Health Council					
Revenue Sharing Fund	7,973.53	7,979,353		7,973.53	
Payments to Capital Reserve		2,000.00		2,000.00	
Dump Fund		1,000.00		1,000.00	
		300.00		300.00	
Cemetery Lots (To Trustees)		4,214.08		4,214.08	
Planning Maps		6,532.57		6,532.57	
Taxes bought by Town		2,320.13		2,320.13	
Discounts, Abate Refund		16,402.08		16,402.08	
County Tax		113,548.89		113,548.89	
School District					
TOTALS	\$ 21,584.23	\$ 263,297.81	\$ 239,439.55	\$ 28,140.52	\$ 4,282.21

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
in Grafton County
for the
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

February 14, 1978

Robert J. Bryant
Christopher E. Rollins
Alden H. dadmun
Selectmen

June L. Bassett, *Treasurer*

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Assets**

Cash in hands of Treasurer - December 31, 1977		
General Fund	\$ 64,728.09	
Revenue Sharing Fund	8,845.25	
Tax Map and Dump Fund	12,000.42	
Cemetery Fund	1,079.49	
Highway Equipment Fund	729.78	
Yield Tax Bonds	<u>85.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$87,468.03
Capital Reserve Funds: (R.S.A., Chap. 35)		
To Purchase Highway Equipment	<u>\$5,684.53</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 5,684.53
Due from State:T.R.A.	\$8,505.27	
Trust Funds (for MAHC - 1977)	<u>85.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 9,359.27
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1976	\$6,633.42	
Levy of 1975	2,357.62	
Levy of 1974	<u>1,043.65</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 10,034.69
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1977 - Incl. Resident Taxes	\$27,136.37	
Levy of 17	90.00	
Levy of 1975	<u>50.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 27,276.37
Total Assets:		\$139,822.89
GRAND TOTAL		\$139,822.89

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed Owed by the Town:

Unexpended Balance Special Appropriations

Culverts	\$597.36
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	8,845.25
Due to State:	
2% - Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	304.25
Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acc't.)	85.00
School District Taxes Payable	54,920.64

Other Liabilities:

Cemetery Fund	1,079.49
Tax Map and Dump Fund	12,000.42
Highway Equipment Fund	729.78
Yield Tax Bond	<u>85.00</u>

TOTAL	\$13,894.69
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Total Accounts Owed by the Town	\$ 78,647.19
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State and Town Joint Highway Construction Accounts:

Unexpended balance in State Treasury	
(TRA)	8,505.27
Unexpended balance in Town Treasury	
(Duncan Fund)	<u>20,026.82</u>

\$28,532.09

Capital Reserve Funds	<u>5,684.53</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$112,863.81
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Current Surplus

(Excess of assets over liabilities)	<u>\$ 26,959.08</u>
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GRAND TOTAL	\$139,822.89
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RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes - 1977	\$131,859.36
Resident Taxes - 1977	2,630.00
National Bank Stock Taxes - 1977	17.00
Yield Taxes - 1977	<u>2,128.45</u>

TOTAL Current Year's Taxes - Coll. & Remit.	\$136,634.81
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Property Taxes and Yield Taxes - Previous Year	32,065.27
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Resident Taxes - Previous Years	330.00
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Interest Received on Delinquent Taxes	908.08
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Penalties - Resident Taxes	50.00
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Tax Sales Redeemed	7,454.75
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From State:

For Town Road Aid	377.10
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For Class V Highway Maintenance		17,748.27
Highway Subsidy		13,493.84
Interest and Dividends Tax		3,929.68
Savings Bank Tax		982.77
Reimbursement a-c Motor Vehicle Road Toll		574.74
Meals and Rooms Tax		3,296.57
Reimbursement a-c Old Age Assistance		603.80
From Local Sources - Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses		273.20
Business Licenses - Permits and Filing Fees		116.00
Rent of Town Property		100.00
Interest Received on Deposits		1,532.49
Income from Trust Funds		1,498.59
Motor Vehicle Permits		10,216.50
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	75,000.00	
Refunds	780.69	
Trust Funds Received		
Cemetery Lot Sales	300.00	
Sale of Town Maps	51.50	
Yield Tax Security Deposits	965.00	
From Tax Map Funds	4,214.08	
Highway Equipment Fund	600.00	
TOTAL Receipts Other than Current Revenue		\$ 81,911.27
TOTAL Receipts from All sources		\$314,097.73
Cash on hand January 1, 1977		61,596.97
GRAND TOTAL		\$375,694.70

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries -	
(Including Selectmen's Clerk)	\$3,617.94
Town Officers' Expenses	2,917.39
Election and Registration Expenses	230.01
Expenses Town Hall and	
Other Town Buildings	2,235.16
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police Department	\$1,350.00
Fire Departments - Inc. Forest Fires	1,309.48
Moth Extermination -	
Blister Rust and Care of trees and Brush	974.57
Planning and Zoning	200.00
Insurance	4,309.04

Health:

Health Department -	
Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance, MAHC	874.00
Vital Statistics	18.00
Town Dumps and Garbage Removal	500.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	1,536.82
Town Maintenance	17,245.52
(Summer - \$6,861.92) (Winter - 110,383.60)	
Street Lighting	1,408.35
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	9,271.56

Libraries:

Libraries	750.00
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Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	738.69
Town Poor	562.05
Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled	813.00

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations and Old Home Day	107.50
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Recreation:

Parks and Playgrounds	300.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries, Hearse Hire,	2,440.93
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Unclassified:

Damages and Legal Expenses	100.10
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Unclassified: 53,810.11

Advertising and Regional Associations	687.39
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Taxes Bought by Town	6,532.57
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Discounts - Abatements and Refunds	2,320.13
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Employees' Retirement and Social Sec.	3,443.01
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Payments to Trustees of Trust Funds - (New Trust Funds)	300.00
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All Other Current Maintenance Expenses:

Dump	1,000.00
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Yield Tax	1,757.93
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Oiling and Patching	316.67
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Culverts	1,902.64
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TOTAL	\$4,977.24
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TOTAL Current Maintenance Expenses	\$72,070.45
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Debt Service:

Interest on Debt

Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,714.11
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Principal of Debt:

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	75,000.00
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TOTAL Principal Payments	\$75,000.00
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Capital Outlay;

Highway and Bridges

State Aid - Highway Subsidy	13,760.17
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Town Duncan Fund	11,332.15
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New Equipment - Other	600.00
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Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	2,000.00
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Tax Maps	<u>4,214.08</u>
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TOTAL Outlay Payments	\$31,906.40
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Payments of State a-c 2% Bond & Debt

Retirement Taxes	324.68
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Taxes paid to County	16,402.08
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Payments to School District	<u>113,548.89</u>
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TOTAL Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	\$130,275.65
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Total Payments for all Purposes

\$310,966.61

Cash on hand December 31, 1977 - June 30, 1978

<u>64,728.09</u>

GRAND TOTAL

\$375,694.70

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
As of December 31, 1977

Description:	Value:
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 20,000
Furniture and Equipment	1,500
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	15,000
Furniture, Equipment and Books	8,000
Police Department, Equipment	2,200
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	6,000
Equipment, includes Ambulance	52,000
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	16,500
Equipment	72,000
Materials and Supplies	14,000
Parks and Playgrounds	1,500
All other Property and Equipment:	
Pine Grove Cemetery	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL	\$211,200

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

DOGS:	
91 Male	\$218.00
12 Female	64.00
1 Kennel	<u>12.00</u>
	294.00
Less Clerk's Fee	<u>20.80</u>
	\$273.20
 Auto Permits	 9,891.00
Filing Fee	10.00
Junk License	25.00
Clerk's Fee	<u>325.50</u>
TOTAL	\$10,524.70

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY H. DAVIS
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrants Property, Resident and Yield Taxes Levy of 1977

— DR. —		
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$158,455.91	
Resident Taxes	3,170.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	17.00	
Total Warrants		\$161,642.91
Yield Taxes		2,371.44
Added Taxes:		
Resident Taxes	20.00	
		20.00
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		15.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$164,049.35

— CR. —		
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$131,859.36	
Resident Taxes	2,630.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	17.00	
Yield Taxes	2,128.45	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	15.00	\$136,649.81
Abatements Made During Year:		
Property Taxes	203.53	
Resident Taxes	60.00	
Yield Taxes		263.53
Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1977:		
Property Taxes	26,393.38	
Resident Taxes	500.00	
Yield Taxes	242.99	
		27,136.37
TOTAL CREDITS		164,049.71

Summary of Warrants Property, Resident and Yield Taxes Levy of 1976

— DR. —		
Uncollected Taxes - Jan. 1, 1977:		
Property Taxes	31,312.88	
Resident Taxes	480.00	
		\$ 31,792.88
Yield		798.70
		\$ 32,591.58

Overpayments:			
a/c Property Taxes	81.26		
a/c Resident Taxes	2.00	83.26	
Int. Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		905.68	
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		35.00	
TOTAL DEBITS			33,615.52

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977:			
Property Taxes	31,242.07		
Resident Taxes	330.00		
Yield Taxes	798.70		
Int. Collected During Year	905.68		
Penalties on Resident Taxes	35.00		
		33,311.45	
Abatements Made During Year:			
Property Taxes	119.99		
Resident Taxes	60.00		
Yield Taxes		179.99	
Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1977:			
Resident Taxes	90.00		
		90.00	
TOTAL CREDITS			33,581.44

**Summary of Warrants
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1975**

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes - Jan. 1, 1977:			
Property Taxes	24.50		
Resident Taxes	50.00	74.50	
Overpayments:			
a/c Property Taxes	2.40	2.40	
TOTAL DEBITS			76.90

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year
Ended December 31, 1977:

Property Taxes	24.50
Interest Collected During Year	2.40
	26.90

Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1977:

Resident Taxes	50.00
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50.00

TOTAL CREDITS

76.90

UNREDEEMED TAXES 1975

Charles & Bertha Phillips	\$340.88
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UNREDEEMED TAXES 1976

Charles and Bertha Phillips	\$ 296.83
James and Irene Dow	99.91
Ernest and Dorothy Demers	249.52
Atkinson Davis Corp.	559.94
Arthur Petterson	<u>180.12</u>
Total 1976	\$1,871.63

I hereby certify that the above list, showing the name and amount due from delinquent taxpayers, as of December 31, 1977 on account of the tax levy of 1975 and 1976 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Dadmun
Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance - January 1, 1977		\$61,596.97
Received from Tax Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$170,763.71	
Resident Taxes	3,000.00	
Yield Taxes	2,927.15	
Interest	735.05	
National Bank Stock	<u>17.00</u>	
		\$177,442.91
Received from Town Clerk:		
Auto Permits	\$10,216.50	
Dog Taxes	273.20	
Junkyard License	25.00	
Filing Fees	<u>10.00</u>	
		\$ 10,524.70
Received from State of N.H.:		
Duncan Fund	\$17,748.27	
Highway Subsidy	13,493.84	
Interest and Dividend Tax	3,929.68	
Rooms and Meals Tax	3,296.57	
Bank Tax	982.77	
Business Profit Tax	603.80	
Gas Tax Refund	574.74	
Fire Dept. Funds	500.00	
T.R.A. Wages	<u>377.10</u>	
		\$ 41,506.77
Received from Selectmen:		
Sale Cemetery Lots	300.00	
Rent Town Hall	100.00	
Pistol Permit	56.00	
Refund - Planning Board (maps)	51.50	
Social Security (Library)	29.76	
Police for Town Hall	25.00	
Social Security Refund	20.47	
Lapans Insurance Refund	<u>4.40</u>	
		\$ 587.13
Transfer from Savings Account:		
Tax Mapping Fund	\$8,428.36	
Timber Yield Tax Bond and Interest	1,956.81	
Revenue Sharing Fund	637.32	
Highway Equipment Fund	600.00	

Refund from Cemetery Account	500.00
Social Payments for Cemetery Labor	<u>226.14</u>

\$ 12,348.63

National Bank of Lebanon, N.H.:

Tax Anticipation Loan	\$75,000.00
Certificate of Deposits	50,000.00
Certificate of Deposits Interest	<u>1,018.07</u>

\$126,018.07

Redeposit Insufficient Fund Check

\$ 11.84

Total

\$430,137.02

Less Selectmens Orders Paid

\$365,408.93

BALANCE

\$ 64,728.09

Respectfully submitted,

June L. Bassett
Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES

William Kennedy, Auditor	\$ 130.00
Sherry A. Cook, Auditor	75.00
Robert Bryant, Selectman	600.00
Alden Dadmun, Selectman	500.00
Christopher Rollins, Selectman	500.00
Dorothy Davis, Town Clerk	425.00
June Bassett, Treasurer	500.00
Dorothy Dadmun, Tax Collector	600.00
Dorothy Dadmun, Selectman's Clerk	100.00
Frank Dean, Cemetery Agent	100.00
Total	\$3,530.00

TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES

Brown & Saltmarsh - Forms, books, office supplies	\$ 479.57
New Eng. Tel. - Installation & Phone Service	394.02
Postmaster, Grafton - Stamped envelopes, stamps and certif. postage	310.80
Country Press, New London - Town Reports	840.00
Country Press, Canaan - Tax bills, Res. & Prop.	35.15
Lebanon Graphics - Notice of Laws	28.00
Braham Pub. - Town Clerk Book	12.05
Treasurer State of N.H. - Boat Reports	2.25
Valley News - Inventory Add	4.49
Bi-Rite - Calculator & Camera, Film	229.92
Central Business Systems - Repair Typewriter	25.85
Wheelock & Clark - Dog Tags	17.67
Marguerete Dadmun - Copying Town Records	200.00
Equity Publishing Co. - R.S.A. Books	50.00
William Kennedy - Auditor Expenses	16.50
Dorothy Dadmun - Supplies	3.59
Robert Bryant - Office Supplies, Town Hall supplies	82.19
Town Clerk's Association - dues 1977-78	20.00
Dorothy Dadmun - Tax Collector's Workshop Exp.	8.00
N.H.M.A. - Copies of New Laws	9.00
Dorothy Davis - Town Clerk Expenses	65.00
	\$2,917.39

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Mascom Week - Advertisement	\$ 5.28
Thomas Gleason - Moderator	30.00
Frank Dean - Ballot Clerk	20.00
Judith Gleason - Ballot Clerk	20.00
Louise Gallup -ballot clerk	20.00
Betty Stiles - Ballot Clerk	20.00
Joe Connelly - Supervisor	22.50
Mary L. Gove - Supervisor	48.20
Marion Stiles - Supervisor	22.50
Enterprise Press - Ballots	21.53
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	\$230.01

TOWN HALL AND OTHER

Lakeside Oil - Fuel and Service	\$ 984.16
John Dadmun, Jr. - Snow removal & sweeping Town Hall	73.63
Public Service - Electric	436.95
R. P. Johnson - Supplies	36.90
Douglas Anderson -Painting ceiling and walls	219.35
Robert Bryant - Supplies	7.35
Canaan Hardware - Paint	30.34
John Dadmun, Sr. - Thawing Town Hall pipes etc.	20.00
Donald Fowler - Repair Pipes	15.68
Robert Lodi - Sears for Stoves	407.40
N.H. Electric Cooperation - Beach Lite	3.60
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	\$2,235.36

INTEREST OF LOANS

National Bank of Lebanon	\$ 1,700.14
Interest Paid to Taxpayers	9.25
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	\$ 1,709.39

TEMPORARY LOANS

National Bank of Lebanon	\$75,000.00
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EQUIPMENT FUND

Fund Balance	\$ 1,329.76
Cement Mixer	<u>600.00</u>
	\$ 729.76

RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Town Share	\$ 2,862.21
Employee's Share	<u>2,862.20</u>
	\$ 5,724.41

SELECTMEN'S CLERK

Salary	\$300.00
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ABATEMENT, REFUNDS AND OVERPAYMENTS

Abatements	\$ 945.52
Overpayments	92.98
Refunds	<u>6,133.33</u>
	\$ 7,171.83

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

N.H. Dept. of Health and Welfare	\$ 732.77
State of N.H. Adm. costs	<u>5.92</u>
	\$ 738.69

AID TO PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED PERSONS

N.H. Dept. of Health and Welfare	\$813.00
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STREET LIGHTING

Public Service Co. of New Hampshire	\$ 1,363.11
N.H. Electric Coop.	<u>45.24</u>
	\$ 1,408.35

	\$ 1,159.72
Harold Duefield 3rd - Reimbursed by state	221.29
Harold Duefield 3rd - Reimbursed by State	114.90
Federal Withholding - Reimbursed by State	49.70

TOWN POOR

Lakeside Oil - Case #1 - Fuel	\$ 48.13
Georges A.G. - Case #2 - Food	39.96
Lakeside Oil - Case #3 - Fuel	34.42
N.H. Electric Coop. - Case #3 - Electricity	1684
Georges A.G. - Case #3 - Food	50.00
Bishop Wallace Funeral Home - Case #4 - Burial Exp.	300.00
Bristol Fruit - Case #5 - Food and Supplies	40.55
Public Service - Case #6 - Electricity	32.15
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	\$562.05

MEMORIAL DAY

Eureka Grange for Old Home Day	\$ 50.00
M.A. Holt American Legion Flags	57.50
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	\$107.50

RECREATION

Recreation Committee	\$300.00
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CEMETERIES

Appropriation for 1977	\$1,000.00
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DAMAGES AND LEGAL EXPENSES

Charles A. Wood	\$100.10
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ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Upper Valley Senior Citizens Council	\$300.00
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council	341.00

Valley News Budget Advertising	7.98
Valley News Rev. Sharing Advertising	<u>38.41</u>
	\$687.39

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

1977 Tax Sale	\$ 6,532.57
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CAPITAL RESERVE

To Trustees for Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 2,000.00
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TAX MAP AND DUMP FUNDS

Planning Maps, Inc. (2nd Installment on Tax Map)	\$ 4,214.08
Dump Fund	1,000.00

OILING AND PATCHING

Black Top, Inc.	\$316.67
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CULVERTS

Armco Steel	\$ 1,902.64
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PLANNING BOARD

For Expenses	\$200.00
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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mascoma Valley School District	\$113,548.89
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STATE AND COUNTY

State Treasurer - Bond and Debt Tax	\$ 324.68
County Tax	<u>16,402.09</u>
	\$16,726.76

POLICE

C. Lawrence Gove - Use of Car, mileage expense	\$ 1,000.00
Salary	329.53
Social Security	<u>20.47</u>
	\$ 1,350.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRE

Grafton Vol. Fire Dept. Appropriation	\$ 1,200.00
C. Lawrence Gove - Forest Fire Meeting & Expenses	38.68
Paul C. Gove -	13.60
Richard Williams -	13.60
Harold Duefield -	13.60
C. Lawrence Gove - Forest Fire Warden	<u>30.00</u>
	\$ 1,309.48

INSURANCE

Reginald Barney - Workmen's Comp.	\$ 2,233.00
Reginald Barney - Town Buildings	781.40
Reginald Barney - Vehicles	<u>1,295.00</u>
	\$ 4,309.40

HEALTH

Mascoma Health Council - (To Be Reimbursed by Trustees)	\$854.00
C. Lawrence Gove - Health Officer	<u>20.00</u>
	\$874.00

TOWN DUMP

C. Lawrence Gove	\$500.00
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LIBRARY

Grafton Public Library	\$750.00
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VITAL STATISTICS

Dorothy Davis	\$18.00
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WINTER ROADS

John Bassett	\$ 3,610.66
Douglas Dimond	1,215.46
David Bocash	681.36
Douglas Anderson	252.49
Dustin Olson	627.77
Shirley Dodge	478.67
Mike Sousa - Plowing	265.65
C. Lawrence Gove - Plowing	90.00
Georges Constructions - Plowing	225.00
Texaco - Gas	1,215.37
Gordons Store - Gas	80.48
Donald Ford - Plowing	84.00
Iretons - Sand	144.00
Pambro Sales - Cutting Bar	170.10
B.B. Chain - Chain Parts	267.50
Grafton Garage - Parts	12.20
F.C. Hammond - Lumber	36.21
Federal Withholding	<u>926.10</u>
	\$ 10,383.02
Social Security	448.86

SUMMER ROADS

John Bassett	\$ 175.45
Harold Duefield 3rd	84.12
Gordons Store - Gas	104.64
Leonard Guaraldi - Stone	112.80
R.C. Hazelton - Loader Motor	4,000.00
Texaco - Gas	1,780.11
Mryl Phelps - Backhoe Hire	576.00
Federal Withholding	<u>28.80</u>
	\$ 6,861.92
Social Security	18.58

GENERAL EXPENSE OF THE HIGHWAY

Hathorns	\$ 619.57
Webster's Motors	1,768.64
Murphy Equipment	358.65

Gordon's Store	16.75
Gulf Oil	29.52
Kibby Equipment	709.90
Willy's Express	14.94
Duff Springs	483.19
John Bassett	19.95
Decato Machine	169.00
Sanels	33.53
Rice Tire	137.18
Harold Atwater	60.00
L.A. Guaraldi	17.60
Bailey Brothers	31.54
Metro Chem. Corp.	731.26
Canaan Hardware	56.55
Grafton Garage	407.35
Pambro Sales	52.73
Kelton Motors	707.63
Davis Oil	496.40
Ken Don Enterprises	341.7
Oxy. Welding	226.96
Vincent McDow	274.50
C.R. McCloud	440.30
R.C. Hazelton	606.64
Bartlett Auto	49.30
Ted Fredenburgh	97.85
James Seamans	312.82
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	\$ 9,271.52

HIGHWAY SUBSIDY

John Bassett	\$ 3,958.10
Harold Duefield	683.91
Robert Vouterisa	594.38
Douglas Anderson	599.53
Thomas Patterson	429.39
Thomas Gleason	431.19
James Bennett	79.98
Shirley Dodge	338.64
Dustin Olson	224.84
John Jurta - Equipment Hire	486.20
Richard Buckwold - Lumber	70.00
Pambro Sales - Supplies	434.02

R.C. Hazelton - Loader Rebuilt	3486.88
Mryl C. Phelps - Backhoe Hire	160.00
Charles Neily - Plank	207.00
L.A.Guaraldi - Stone	315.20
Vincent McDow - Equipment Hire	230.00
F. C. Hammond - Lumber	21.76
National Bank of Lebanon - Fed. Withholding	<u>1,009.00</u>
	\$ 13,760.17
Social Security	512.56

DUNCAN FUND

John Bassett	\$ 1,815.80
Robert Voutiritsa	753.21
Dustin Olson	117.05
Douglas Anderson	1,117.07
Shirley Dodge	817.36
Albert Belloir - Services	2,160.00
Miller Redi Mix Cement - Cement	528.40
Donald Ford - Equipment Hire	472.50
F.C. Hammond - Lumber	43.01
Roger Remacle - Equipment Hire	40.00
William Simpson - Equipment	108.00
Jessie Picher - Lumber	150.00
John Jurta - Equipment Hire	350.00
Iretons Construction	117.00
R.P. Johnson - Nails & Supplies	319.65
Mryl Phelps - Equipment Hire	84.00
Alpheus Woodward - Equipment Hire	68.00
Robert Ramsey - Equipment Hire	73.10
Anthony Usanis - Gravel	1,781.40
National Bank of Lebanon - Fed. Withholding	<u>406.60</u>
	\$ 11,332.15
Social Security	324.43

CUTTING BRUSH

Thomas Patterson	\$332.01
Thomas Gleason	330.28
James Bennett	<u>312.28</u>
	\$974.57
Social Security	68.73

ROAD AGENTS REPORT

In 1977 a multi-Plate Culvert was used to replace the decrepit Cole Bridge.

Also replaced a wooden Bridge on the River Road with another wooden Bridge.

T.R.A. was used to replace a section of road from Braley's Mill to Haskins Corner.

Dynamite work was done in the area of Grants Pond to start a Duncan Fund Project for 1978.

Wash outs on Carl Browns Hill and the River Road were repaired and larger Culverts were installed to replace damaged ones.

Many rocks or boulders were removed from the River Road, and much gravel was used to repair road.

To the People of Grafton, who have treated the Highway Department with decency and respect, I wish to Thank Each and Everyone of you.

JOHN F. BASSETT
Road Agent

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Library Trustees, Trustee of Trust Funds, Revenue Sharing, Cemetery Account, Timber Tax Bond Account, Highway Equipment Fund, Tax Mapping and Dump Fund Account, Ambulance Fund and Recreation Account and find them correctly cast and properly vouched to the best of our knowledge.

Town Auditors

Robert J. Bassett
Sara G. Belloir

REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT

Fiscal year ending January 1, 1977

REVENUE SHARING FUND

Statement of Revenue - Expenditures, Encumbrances and Fund Balance.

Available Funds January 1, 1977	\$7,973.53
Revenue Sharing Funds Received 1977	8,521.00
Interest Earned 1877	<u>324.25</u>
TOTAL	\$16,818.78
Less Encumbrances - Deposited in Tax Mapping Savings Account	<u>- 7,973.53</u>
Available Unobligated Funds - December 31, 1977	\$8,845.25

We have examined the accounts and records of the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Grafton, N.H. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1977. In our opinion, the above statement of Revenue, Encumbrances and available Unobligated funds presents fairly the revenue expenditures and encumbrances incurred and Status of Revenue Sharing Funds for year ending December 31, 1977.

Town Auditors

Robert J. Bassett
Sara G. Belloir

REVENUE SHARING

Savings Account: National Bank of Lebanon, n. h.

Balance January 1, 1977	\$ 7,973.53
Deposit January 7, 1977	2,312.00
Deposit April 6, 1977	2,049.00
Deposit July 7, 1977	2,049.00
Deposit October 6, 1977	2,111.00
Deposit Refund June 27, 1977 Withdrawal	637.32
Interest Earned 1977	<u>324.25</u>
	\$17,456.10

(March 31, 1977 Withdrawal-Deposited in Tax Mapping Account)	<u>7,973.53</u>
	9,492.57

(June 27, 1977 Withdrawal to Pay for Stoves and Town Office Equipment)	<u>637.32</u>
Balance December 31, 1977	\$8,845.25

Respectfully submitted,

June L. Bassett
Treasurer

TAX MAPPING AND DUMP FUND

Savings Account: National Bank of Lebanon, N.H.

Balance January 1, 1977 - Tax Mapping	\$ 5,619.61
Balance January 1, 1977 - Dump fund	1,000.00
Interest Earnings for 1977	621.36
Deposit - from Revenue Sharing for Tax Mapping March 14, 1977	7,973.53
Deposit - 1977 Town Dump Appropriation March 14, 1977	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$16,214.50

Withdrawal - Tax Mapping payment October 17, 1977	<u>4,214.08</u>
	\$12,000.42

Withdrawal - by mistake October 27, 1977	<u>4,214.28</u>
	\$7,786.14

Deposit - Withdrawal by mistake November 8, 1977	<u>4,214.28</u>
Balance December 31, 1977	\$12,000.42

Respectfully submitted,

June L. Bassett
Treasurer

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Highway Equipment Fund

Savings Account: National Bank of Lebanon, N.H.

Balance January 1, 1977	\$ 666.00
Sale of Gravel	295.00
Rent of Water Pump	95.00
Sale of old Culvert	20.00
Donations	65.00
State of N.H. - Use G.M.C. Truck	166.50
Interest Earned 1977	<u>22.28</u>
	\$1,329.78
February 22, 1977 Withdrawal for Cement Mixer	<u>600.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1977	\$ 729.78

All withdrawals are deposited in Town's General Checking Account.

Respectfully submitted,

June L. Bassett
Treasurer

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Timber Tax Bonds

Savings Account: National Bank of Lebanon, N.H.

Balance January 1, 1977	\$1,032.97
Deposit - John King Account 6/27/77	700.00
Deposit - F.C. Hammond & Son Account 8/22/77	180.60
Deposit - Gurney Sawmill Inc. Account 12/31/77	85.00
Interest Earned 1977	<u>43.84</u>
Balance (Accounts)	\$2,041.81
Withdrawal - Roberts Lumber Co. 2/1/77	330.00
Withdrawal - Robert Downing 2/1/77	345.00
Withdrawal - Ruth Esty 3/30/77	75.00

Withdrawal - F.C. Hammond & Son 11/29/77	115.00
Withdrawal - John King 11/29/77	700.00
Withdrawal - Gurney Sawmill, Inc. 12/30/77	80.00
Withdrawal - F.C. Hammon & Son 12/30/77	180.00
Balance	\$1,825.00
Payments to Tax Collector for Yeild Taxes	\$1,757.93
Balance	\$ 283.88
Refund to Robert Downing on Bond	- 59.94
Refund to Ruth Esty on Bond	- 7.13
Balance	\$ 216.81
Interest 1976 (\$87.97) - Interest 1977 (\$43.84)	131.81
Balance December 31, 1977	\$85.00
Interest deposited in Town General Checking Account.	
All withdrawals are deposited in Town's General Checking Account, then payments are made to Tax Collector for Yeild Taxes, and refunds to persons who posted bonds.	

Respectfully submitted,

June L. Bassett
Treasurer

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Cemeteries - Town Hall - and Huff Beach

NOW Checking Account - National Bank of Lebanon, N.H.

Payment Cemeteries - Grafton Center, Razor Hill and Prescott Hill

Michael Gleason	\$ 474.53
Kent Williams	412.23
Thomas Patterson	311.48
Thomas Gleason	216.55
Christopher Williams	69.61
Robert MacDonald	66.28
Cooper St. - Pine Grove - 2 East Grafton - Town Hall	
Clayton Bassett	242.85
John Ollis	162.79
John Dadmun, Jr.	139.39

David Moody	34.65
Shirley Dodge	21.59
Huff Beach	
Michael Gleason	50.00
Social Security	226.14
Mountain Meadow Greenhouse - Fertilizer, Peat Moss, Grass Seed and Lime	49.14
National Bank of Lebanon - Check Book Charge	13.70
Refund Payment Town of Grafton	500.00
Payments	<u>\$2,990.93</u>
Balance January 1, 1977	\$1,032.33
1977 Town Appropriations	1,000.00
Received from Trustees of Trust Funds	1,498.59
From Towns General Checking Account	500.00
Interest Earned 1977	<u>39.50</u>
	\$4,070.42
Less Payments	<u>2,990.93</u>
Balance December 31, 1977	\$1,079.49

Respectfully submitted,

June L. Bassett
Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FOR 1977

1977 was an active year in trust funds activity.

Ruth Leonard gave \$2,000.00 to set up a new fund for the town library, the income to be used annually to purchase new books.

Convinced that the Grafton Volunteer Ambulance Service badly needed a new vehicle to continue its vital contribution and urged by the State of New Hampshire to spend additional income from the Volana Kilton Doctor Fund, the trustees contributed \$20,000.00 of income from the Fund toward the purchase of a new, more efficient ambulance. With the aim of supporting health services for all age and income groups, the trustees also continued the \$10 per resident reimbursement program as well as payment to the Town for its per capita support of the Mascoma Area Health Council.

Income from purchase of lots in Pine Grove Cemetery increased during 1977, making possible investment in another certificate of deposit which provides a higher rate of income than a savings account. The trustees now have nearly all cemetery funds invested at maximum rates in the hope of reducing the Town's outlay of tax money for cemetery care.

Susan J. Seamans - 1978

Dale P. Bryant - 1979

Sherry Ann Cook - 1980

SUMMARY REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS FOR 1977

FUND	— PRINCIPAL —			— INCOME —		
	Balance 1/1/77	Received 1977	Expended 1977	Balance 12/31/77	Received 1977	Expended 1977
Kilton Doctor Fund	\$25,000.00	-0-	-0-	\$25,000.00	\$5,963.01	\$21,044.53
Cemetery Funds	\$19,797.02	\$ 475.00	-0-	\$20,272.00	\$10,423.45	\$ 2,217.79
Library Funds	\$ 2,141.10	\$2,000.00	-0-	\$ 4,141.10	\$ 43.13	\$ 205.47
		Truth Leonard)				
M. Martin						
E. Grafton						
Church Fund	\$ 563.65	-0-	-0-	\$ 563.65	\$ 73.92	\$ 35.42
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	-0-	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,474.18	\$ 210.35
						-0-
						\$ 1,684.53

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

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	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of			Previous
	1976	1975	1974	Years
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - January 1, 1977		2,102.65	835.67	135.09
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	6,532.57			
Interest Collected After Sale	51.85	149.97	192.98	
Redemption Costs	50.00	105.00	15.00	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 6,634.42	\$ 2,357.62	\$ 1,043.65	\$ 135.09

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Remittances to Treasurer During Year:				
Redemptions	\$ 4,659.94	\$ 1,394.34	\$ 835.67	
Interest & Costs After Sale	101.85	254.97	207.98	
Abatements During Year		367.43		135.09
Unredeemed Taxes - Dec. 31, 1977	1,871.63	340.88		
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 6,633.42	\$ 2,357.62	\$ 1,043.65	\$ 135.09

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1977 turned out about as we had hoped. We made progress on some of our problems. Despite higher school and county taxes we kept our total tax down, but this must change. The pressures from outside the town are growing. Federal and State actions require more and more from the cities and towns. New Hampshire ranks last in state support for public education, putting a large burden on the municipalities. The school budget is ever-increasing and Grafton's cost rises with it, as do town expenses. Grafton, like other towns, depends to a great extent on the property tax for revenues to cover our costs. From a total tax point of view, Grafton seems to compare favorably with other towns in the area and ranks about in the middle in the state.

One of our pressing problems still is solid waste disposal. We obtained another extension allowing the use of the dump until September 1978. We have been told that this has to be the last extension and seeing other towns' experiences we believe it. The establishment of a landfill still appears our best and cheapest solution. This requires land that satisfies federal requirements and local desires. We are now looking for suitable land that the town can afford.

A positive step has been the preparation by the Planning Board of the Master Plan which appears in this report. While this document is very general in its terms and can be changed according to town needs, it is basic to future town planning. Land sales are increasing in town as is building. The interest of all Grafton residents will be best served by some well considered guidelines for whatever development may be in the offing, following the thoughts expressed in the Master Plan.

Our tax mapping project, mandated by the State, is proceeding according to schedule. Planning Maps, Inc. reports that all property owners have been contacted and requested to help with information about their land. The company has developed preliminary maps and page layouts, and has compiled a master list of all owners. It is now cataloguing all data received. In the next year, the company will be doing final research, measuring the roads in town, and making base maps in

preparation for compiling. If you have not responded to their questionnaire, it is not too late to do so. We can forward your replies to the mapping company, or you may send it directly to them. All information you can provide will be useful and appreciated since it will result in more accurate maps.

Another happy note is the report that Grafton's pine forests are considered to be in good condition. The New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands has advised that it examined 850 acres in Grafton in 1977 for white pine blister rust. Their survey revealed no serious problem.

We would like to call attention to the fact that November 1978 marks Grafton's own bicentennial, completing 200 years of incorporation. A description of the "Early Days of Grafton, New Hampshire" appears in this report and is certainly of interest to all. Perhaps some group in town would be interested in organizing a celebration of the event. Also in the interest of preserving the town's past, attention is called to the "Blackman Stone" warrant article, and the need for practical means for removing the engraving to a safe location.

Grafton perhaps should establish its own historic committee. There is a wealth of information available and certainly worth collecting and establishing in a manner and location easily available to any interested person. There are numerous sources of historic interest items in Grafton — small, old mines for mineral examples, old cellar holes, walls of abandoned buildings, old town documents, the thoughts and memories in the minds of friends and relatives.

It may also be timely to suggest the re-organization of a civic association. For one thing, it is a means of communication, a way of getting the word about on any topic of interest. It can be a very useful center for discussion of town needs, a way of bringing them to the attention of those concerned. With our civic life being made more complicated with more problems facing the town, a civic association can be a focal point for ideas and solutions.

Finally, we want to thank all the town officers for their real dedication and cooperation. Last year was most successful in that regard. We specifically express the appreciation of the town to John O'Brien for his hard work during his three year tour as Grafton's representative on the Mascoma Regional School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Bryant
Christopher E. Rollins
Alden H. Dadmun
Selectmen

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Forest fire control in New Hampshire is a joint state and town/city responsibility (RSA 224).

The Director, Division of Forests and Lands (State Forester) appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town/city upon the recommendation of local authorities.

The local forest fire warden is responsible for forest fire prevention and suppression activities in his town. He regulates the kindling of outside fires when the ground is not covered with snow by the issuance of written permits only when conditions are safe. He is responsible for suppression with the town/city and state sharing cost. Suppression costs in excess of 1/4 of 1% of the assessed valuation of the town are assumed by the state.

The state provides training for the local fire organization and helps coordinate activities between towns/cities. The state also supports local forces with backup personnel, equipment and supplies for suppression and prevention.

This combination of state and local cooperation, started in 1893, works well, for New Hampshire has enjoyed one of the smallest acreage losses due to forest fires in the United States for the past 25 years.

1977 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres Burned
State	1,091	2,386
District	53	40.5
Town	0	0

Gerald S. Gross
District Fire Chief

C. Lawrence Gove
Forest Fire Warden

GRAFTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. — 1977

Balance on hand January 1, 1977	\$ 801.65
Receipts for 1977:	
Tickets Sales	511.00
Interest	56.48
Town, 1977 Appropriation	1,200.00
State, Matching Funds	500.00
Firemen's Auxilliary	507.00
Misc. Deposits and donations	<u>565.95</u>
	\$ 3,340.43
TOTAL Receipts	\$ 4,142.08
Expenditures for 1977:	
Heating	\$ 204.87
Electricity	149.94
Equipment	1,878.68
Miscellaneous	389.11
Supplies	358.54
Postage	13.50
Transfers to New Truck Account	<u>450.00</u>
	\$ 3,489.64
Balance on hand, January 1, 1978	<u>652.44</u>
	\$ 4,142.08

NEW TRUCK FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 1977	\$ 603.62
Recieved from transfers from checking account, ticket sales, donations and interest	<u>1,007.92</u>
TOTAL Receipts	\$ 1,611.54
Expenditures:	
Check without sufficient funds	\$ 50.00
Balance on hand January 1, 1978	<u>1,561.54</u>
	\$ 1,611.54

GRAFTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department would like to report that during the year we responded to six chimney fires, a call for broken propane gas line, and several automobile accidents.

Grafton has been lucky this past year and haven't had any really bad fires. Other towns, though, have not been so fortunate and thus, we have offered our assistance.

Two trucks were sent to Canaan the night of the Canaan Inn fire and a tank truck was sent to Orange to the Leonard Roberts' trailer fire. We stood by for Danbury one night when they were out of town and we sent two trucks to the fire at Myrl Phelps' home in Danbury.

During the year, the Chief and several members of the department have attended meetings of the Upper Valley Mutual Aid Association that we belong to.

We would like to thank the Auxiliary for all their help throughout the year and also to help us, once again put on another successful Hunter's Supper.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Gove
Chief

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Grafton Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary became active a few years ago in an effort to assist the Fire Department by conducting various money making activities. For the last three years we have held an annual food and rummage sale in which we have asked your help through donations of food, clothing and any excess saleable items. We have held smaller food sales later on in the season. We also conducted a raffle with hand crafted items as prizes.

During the winter and spring months members and good friends have spent many hours knitting, crocheting, sewing, making wooden articles and preserving jams and jellies in season in preparation for the sale at our Auxiliary booth on Old Home Day. some members made a quantity of lovely ceramics in 1976 commemorating our Country's Bi-Centennial as observed in Grafton. The Club purchased the material and all work was donated in making these attractive pieces. All above mentioned items were available in our booth, together with white elephant items donated by you.

For the past two years we have sponsored a very successful Firemen's picnic to which all auxiliary and Fire Dept. members and their families were invited. The Firemen hold an annual supper which is co-sponsored by the Auxiliary with all proceeds going to the Fire Dept. This year we purchased platters, serving dishes, salt and peppers, sugar and creamers and several hundred heavy paper plates, cups and napkins which will be used for the suppers.

Since 1973 we have donated approximately \$2,100.00 to the Fire Dept. for purchase of a resuscitator, a special radio for the fire truck, special type nozzle, chrome plate for truck, emblems for all trucks, tot-finders for distribution, thermos jugs to be used for drinks on fires, outright gifts amounting to \$300.00 to be uses as needed. In addition we also gave \$273.22 to the Ambulance. This coming year we hope to be able to furnish outfits for some of the firemen consisting of coats, boots and helmets.

Without the help and support of all you good people in Grafton and some of our good friends in Orange and Canaan, all this would be impossible. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in these fund raising efforts. We welcome all interested women to join our group.

Louise Gallup, *President*
Cynthia Gove, *Vice President*
Lani Dadmun, *Secretary*
Marion Seamans, *Treasurer*
Officers for 1977

GRAFTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. AMUBLANCE

I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Kilton Fund Trustees and everyone who helped to make our fund raising drive such a big success. We now have a piece of equipment that we can depend on.

The ambulance responded to 41 calls which required emergency care and standby at fires. Of the 41 calls just the gas averaged between \$3.00 to \$10.00 and the insurance was \$19.52 per call just to show you how much it does cost, not including oxygen and other materials that may be used.

I would like to thank all the fire dept. ambulance members for the quick response received last year. Also to all of the firefighters who helped.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Alan Gove
Captain

POLICE REPORT

This report is different than in the past.

There were about the same number of automobile accidents. They might have been avoided by slowing down on back roads, especially in winter when roads are icy.

Roads were patrolled and places checked as in the past. There was breaking and entering, and vandalism by some who wouldn't like it done to their own property.

There were the usual complaints of mini-bikes, snowmachines, dogs, etc. and complaints on personal matters, some just about other people. Messages were taken to those without a phone.

C. Lawrence Gove
Chief of Police

NEW AMBULANCE ACCOUNT

All the members of the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department wish to express their gratitude to those whose time and money led to the purchase of our new ambulance and whose continuing support will insure the continuation of this service to our town.

Balance on hand, January 1, 1977	\$	00.00
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Received:

Kilton Fund	\$20,000.00	
Donations	5,545.37	
Interest	<u>375.22</u>	
		25,920.59

Total Receipts		<u>\$25,920.59</u>
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Withdrawals:

Cost of New Ambulance	23,153.00	
Check without sufficient funds	<u>20.00</u>	
		23,173.00

Balance on hand, January 1, 1978	\$	2,747.59
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CHRISTOPHER E. ROLLINS,
Treasurer

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Total circulation of books for 1977

Fiction	714
Non-Fiction	540
Youth	178
Juvenile	856
Magazines	110

We borrowed about 500 books from the Bookmobile.

The Library purchased 103 new books and received 31 books as gifts.

As seen in the above report we had a very good turnover of children's books as compared to other years. This is because of the Story Hour held during the summer and early fall by the Mother's Club. It is hoped to continue the Story Hours in the spring.

I would also like to thank everyone who has given books to the Library this year.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Gove
Librarian

GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY 1977 —receipts and Expenditures

— RECEIPTS —

Jan. 1, 1977 - Balance on Hand	\$ 292.11
1st National Bank, White River Jct.- Dividends	333.75

National Bank of Lebanon - Interest	32.48
Money from Town of Grafton	750.00
Barbara Gove - Book	7.96
Marion Seamans - Book	8.00
Barney Flanders & Ruth Leonard Fund	205.47
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,629.77</u>
Less Expenditures	<u>1,452.30</u>
Cash Balance on Hand - Dec. 31, 1977	\$ 177.47

Mascoma Savings Bank (No. 47711):

Dec. 31, 1976 - Cash Balance on Hand	\$3,757.23
1977 - Deposits	34.50
1977 - Interest	<u>135.87</u>
Total	\$3,927.60
1977 - Withdrawal	<u>2,000.00</u>
Dec. 31, 1977 - Balance on Hand	\$1,927.60

— EXPENDITURES —

Mary L. Gove, Librarian	\$ 338.96
N.H. Dept. of Health & Welfare	39.68
Public Service of N.H.	52.65
Lakeside Oil Co.	331.60
Books	498.13
Magazines	35.41
Rebinding Books and Postage	39.98
Stanley Phillips, Janitor	50.00
Myrtle Cooper, Cleaning Library	45.00
Josten's - Library Supplies	16.25
Marion Stiles - Postage Stamps	<u>4.64</u>
Total Expenditures	\$1,452.30

Respectfully submitted,
Marion Stiles
Treasurer

GRAFTON, N.H. — CIVIL DEFENSE

Balance on hand \$ 175.00

No funds spent during 1977. Chris Rollins and Ed Doten attended a state workshop in Hanover on Civil Defense during 1977.

Civil Defense is available for any emergency situation in our town.

EDWARD DOTEN, *Director*
CHRISTOPHER ROLLINS, *Assist. Director*

1977 — MASCOMA AREA HEALTH COUNCIL TOWN REPORTS OF ENFIELD, CANAAN, GRAFTON DORCHESTER AND ORANGE

The Health Council is entering its ninth year of service to towns in the Mascoma area. In 1977 the office was moved from the high school to Whitney Hall in Enfield. The telephone number remains the same: 632-7234.

The existence of the Mascoma Area Health Council continues to attract state funds for the free children's health and dental programs, as well as assistance with Adult Health Screening. Eighty (80) Mascoma children were given vision and hearing tests before entering the Canaan and Enfield Elementary Schools in the fall. Federal assistance is often available to Grafton people for nursing, physical therapy and home health aide services provided in the home. All programs are available to anyone in Grafton regardless of their ability to pay.

During the year, the town of Grafton received the following:

	Number of Visits
Skilled Nursing Care in the home	
(includes visits to newborns)	440
Physical Therapy in the home	133
Home Health Aide	21
Preschool Dental Program	16
Well Child Clinic-Children enrolled	23

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Stromberg
Chairman of the Board

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The request for funds from the towns served is modest and is based on the number of persons over 60 years of age.

In 1977, 3 residents of Grafton have received transportation services; some riders use the mini-bus daily.

In addition to these services, for which dollar contributions is essential, 5 residents eat at the Center and 22 use Meals-on-Wheels when confined to their homes. All may use our recreation information and referral, blood pressure clinic, friendly visitor, telephone reassurance services, and receive our discount card and newsletter.

(The Senior Citizens Center is located in the Carter Community Building in Lebanon. Telephone: 448-4213)

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Pluhar
Executive Director

GRAFTON RECREATION COMMISSION

This past year has been discouraging for the commission because our search for land to be used for recreation produced no results.

We sponsored a swimming lesson program under the leadership of Dolly Dessert. It proved very successful.

Many people enjoyed the games at Old Home Day sponsored by the commission.

The Mother's Club of Grafton were given funds to help them with the building of a town playground on the Town Hall land.

We will continue to ask for program suggestions and to search for recreation land in 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Gleason
Gui Dessert
Jessie Wilson

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST REPORT

1977 was a quiet year as far as elections were concerned. Voting was on a local level with people casting ballots on Town Meeting Day and School Meeting.

New laws have been passed in Concord this past year concerning the registering of new people for voting. Listed below are the guidelines used by the Supervisors.

1. When determining the qualifications of an applicant under the provisions hereof, the supervisors may require said applicant to present the following:

- a. His birth certificate
- b. His naturalization papers if he is a naturalized citizen
- c. Proof of residency in the form of an affidavit declaring that the applicant is an inhabitant of and dwells in the town, city, or ward in which he desires to vote and
- d. Any other evidence they may request.

2. The supervisors may refuse to add the name of an applicant to the checklist if he fails to present the evidence required by this section.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Gove
Marion Stiles
Joseph Connelly
Supervisors of Checklist

REPORT OF THE GRAFTON PLANNING BOARD

January 1978

At the beginning of the year, the Planning Board embarked on a more complete Master Plan for the Town of Grafton. The first step toward this was the formation of a questionnaire to help us determine the wishes of the Townspeople. We presented the first draft of the questionnaire at our Open Meeting at the beginning of the summer and subsequently went on a door-to-door campaign with the final draft. At our Open Meeting, the tabulations were presented and general comments heard. In December, we presented the Master Plan which appears in its adopted form in this Town Report.

Among the many other topics discussed at the Open Meetings were: minimum road frontage, enforcement of laws and possible fines, subdivision regulations designed to protect the town against potential outside developers, recreation, and taxes. Out of discussions on this last subject came the formation of the Tax Study Committee consisting of five residents and two non-residents who have periodically presented their findings at the Open Meetings.

In the course of our regular meetings, we approved 6 subdivisions and 6 transfers; modified and approved 1 subdivision; and rejected none of the items presented to us.

The Financial Report follows, including an anonymous donation earmarked for the Tax Study Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo T. Moran, *Chairperson*
Christopher E. Rollins, *Secretary/Treasurer*
Kenneth R. Cushing
James G. Roberts
Jens Thoreson

— BIRTHS —

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father Mother's Maiden Name	Birthplace of Parents	Residence
June 18, 1977	Hanover	Shawn M. Walsh	M	Michael R. Walsh Jeannette M. Walsh	New York New York	Grafton Grafton
August 23	Hanover	Kenneth J. Hazelton	M	Walter F. Hazelton Deborah A. Phillips	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Grafton Grafton

— MARRIAGES —

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence at Time of Marriage	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by Whom Married
April 16	Grafton	Parker A. Bailey III Velma L. Joyce	Mass. Grafton, N.H.	4-12-59 12-20-60	Mass. N.H.	Jennie E. Joyce, Grafton Justice of the Peace
May 14	Grafton	Grover C. Tyler Cynthia L. Thurston	Grafton, N.H. Lebanon, N.H.	5-16-57 11-17-58	N.H. Vt.	Thomas D. Gleason, Grafton Justice of the Peace
Aug. 20	Hanover	Timothy Boisvert Nora A. Carr	Grafton, N.H. Grafton, N.H.	2- 3-47 3- 8-55	N.H. N.H.	John P. Conkere, Hanover Priest
Aug. 25	Grafton	Jerold L. Cutler Linda M. Chapman	Grafton, N.H. Grafton, N.H.	7-12-48 5-13-47	Mass. Maine	Thomas D. Gleason, Grafton Justice of the Peace
Sept. 10	Grafton	Alfred A. Daniels Leona D. Gove	Grafton Grafton, N.H.	10-30-98 1-23-13	Maine N.H.	Thomas D. Gleason, Grafton Justice of the Peace
Oct. 22	Enfield	Steven E. Morse Mary J. Hamel	Grafton, N.H. Grafton, N.H.	12-21-53 7- 6-57	N.H. N.H.	Russell A. Shopland, Enfield Minister

— DEATHS —

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Birthplace	Marr.		Occupation	Name of Father and Mother	
					Wid.	Sex		Maiden Name of	Mother
Jan. 12	Lebanon	Rena H. Magoon	80	New Hampshire	F	W	Housewife	Isaac Craig	Emma Wright
April. 10	Grafton	Chester A. Grassa	76	High Seas	M	W	Retired	Thomas Grassa	Mary Gruca
May 2	Hanover	Mattie Parker	86	Unknown	F	W	Housewife	Ira Bryon	Nina Ashey
June 15	Hanover	Lillian LaBonty	66	New Hampshire	F	M	Housewife	Ferdinand Breton	Medro
July 2	Hanover	Malina Wentworth	81	New York	F	W	Housework	Unknown	Unknown
Oct. 6	Hanover	Cecile L. Morrill	67	Rhode Island	F	M	Housewife	Arthur Lapan	Lena Paquin
Oct. 6	Lebanon	Catherine Hannaford	86	Scotland	F	M	Housewife	Unknown	Unknown
Nov. 11	Grafton	Juliette C. Webster	80	Rhode Island	F	M	Housewife	Dieudonne Robert	Agnes Herous
Nov. 13	Hartford, Vt.	Wallace H. Williams	82	New Hampshire	M	M	Retired	Alberto Williams	Anna Story
Nov. 19	Laconia	Edward Wigg	73	Vermont	M	M	Mill Worker	William Wigg	Orpha Gulber

